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Life Project under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a project for livelihoods for Full Employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) (Project LIFEMGNREGS);and

(b) if so, the details, salient features,objectives and its present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): The Government has launched Project Livelihood in Full Employment- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Project LIFE- MGNREGA) that aims at promoting self-reliance and improving the skill-base of the MGNREGA workers, converting them from being asset-less, helpless, unskilled workers dependent on Government support into confident, fully employed entities crossing the poverty line within 5 year period.

The Project LIFE- MGNREGA aims to plan and implement tailor-made livelihood interventions for rural households (that have completed 100 days work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), in convergence with National Rural livelihood Mission (NRLM), KrishiVigyanKendras (KVKs) and Deen Dayal Updhyaya Grameen KoushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY) (previously Aajeevika - National Rural Livelihoods Mission), thereby, converting them into skilled persons.

The guidelines were shared with the States on 15th April, 2015 and States were requested to prepare annual plans and submit them to Ministry of Rural Development for sanctioning. States were given a timeline to conduct the survey and prepare the State Skilling Plans (SSPs) by July end, which was extended till end of September, 2015.

20 States have submitted their State Skilling Plans. The State Skilling Plans of 17 States viz Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujrat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharastra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal has been scrutinized and approved by the Empowered Committee (EC) of Ministry.

States, with approval, have started the roll out of the Project and Ministry is monitoring the progress of the same.

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